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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 18-Sep-99 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week	Previous Week
	09/18/99	09/11/99
Bro-Fry	158,026	126,390
Lt Hens	2,029	1,634
Hvy Hens	1,547	1,385

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 11-Sep-99 (Thousand Head)

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	300	0	300
Last Week	452	0	452
Same Wk Yr Ago	414	0	414
To Date 1999	17,073	181	17,254
To Date 1998	19,524	266	19,790

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	1,883	1,368	3,251
Last Week	2,335	1,522	3,857
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,190	1,055	3,245
To Date 1999	93,181	49,816	142,997
To Date 1998	94,732	45,607	140,339

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 11-Sep-99 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	135,122 (A)	1,583	1,368	2,951
Avg Wt	4.91	3.35	8.20	5.60
Last Week	156,031	1,883	1,522	3,405
Same Week Yr Ago	129,593	1,776	1,055	2,831
Avg Wt	4.74	3.70	8.62	5.53
To-Date/1999	5,454,249	76,108	49,635	125,743
To-Date/1998	5,247,296	75,208	45,341	120,549

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 136.8 million head or 14.0 million head more than or 91 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending September 4, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	31,385	37,317	27,135
Avg Weight	3.74	4.86	6.12
% Of Total /1	33%	39%	28%
Comparisons			
Last Week	29,727	44,034	33,505
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	5.96
% Of Total /1	28%	41%	31%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	38,710	36,411	21,298
Avg Weight	3.75	4.82	5.98
% Of Total /1	40%	38%	22%

To Date/1999	1,145,880	1,069,633	1,439,683
To Date/1998	1,241,583	1,306,369	1,003,719

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 04-Sep-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	5,082	35	5,117
Avg Wt	0.00	23.41	23.74	23.41
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	5,442	26	5,468
Same Week Yr Ago	0	4,044	67	4,111
Avg Wt	0.00	24.67 (B)	25.49	24.68
To-Date/1999	55	168,881 (B)	1,247	170,183
To-Date/1998	72	176,956 (B)	1,325	178,353

(B) Includes 540,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 935,000 in 1998

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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